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## **Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on August 15, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Members Present: H. Jill McCormick, Chair; Dr. Michael Reed, Vice Chair; Cristina Solorzano; Paul Soto; Gina Nierenhausen; Patricia R. Weissenberg; Rev. Deal Begay

Members Excused: Christie Stevens and Ines Pampara

### **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Chair McCormick provided the Regional Council with the opportunity to declare a conflict of interest regarding any items on the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

### **Approval of June 6, 2012 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

Member Soto moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2012, Regional Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Reed, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

### **Approval of 2012 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment**

The Regional Council discussed and reviewed the 2012 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment. The Regional Council held discussion on the assessment and agreed it should be more reflective of the Cocopah Tribe. Member Soto stated the report should be refined to represent Cocopah Tribe data rather than general data of the surrounding communities. Dr. Reed moved to approve the 2012 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment with the stipulation that any changes/edits be forwarded to Regional Director Pascual by Friday, August 17, 2012. Furthermore, a group will be established to review the document make any changes or edits for future Needs and Assets Assessments and thus have a complete document that will be more reflective of the Cocopah community. The motion was seconded by Member Soto. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

### **FY2014 Funding Plan Development**

Regional Director Pascual first provided an update on the implementation of the FY2013 Funding Plan implementation, a review of the strategic plan for FY2013-2015, and then discussed the timeline for development of the FY2014 Funding Plan.

A revised meeting calendar was reviewed by the Regional Council, with the recommendation to reschedule the October 3, 2012, meeting due to the Chair/Vice Chair Leadership Forum, and instead combine the October and November meetings, and meet on October 23, 2012. The Regional Council

discussed the recommendations, and agreed that they were available to meet on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and at that time would decide whether to cancel the November 7, 2012 meeting. Dr. Reed moved to approve the revised meeting calendar reflecting the October meeting date change. The motion was seconded by Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

#### **First Read and Annual review of Governance Policies**

The Regional Council reviewed the Governance Policy Manual. A second reading of the manual will take place at the September 5, 2012 meeting.

#### **Director's Report**

Director Pascual reviewed the FY2012 data reports with the Regional Council. Regional Director Pascual also reviewed the financial expenditure report for FY2012, although it was noted that the final expenditures will not be known until the end of September.

#### **Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements**

Rev. Deal Begay announced the Traditional Dance Event is scheduled to be on August 25, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Cocopah Community Center.

Member Nierenhausen announced a new issue of the Cocopah Elder's Newsletter is available and that the Cocopah Pageant is scheduled to be on September 21, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cocopah RV Ballroom.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next Regional Partnership Council Meeting will occur September 5, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at the Cocopah Community Center.

#### **Adjournment**

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

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H. Jill McCormick, Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council